GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CA F & CS Department - Consumer Affairs – Consumer Protection Act, 2019 – District Consumer Commission, Guntur – Setting aside the orders issued vide G.O.Rt.No.8, CA F & CS (CS-II) Department, dated 03.02.2022 pursuant to the orders passed by the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P in W.A.No.945 of 2024, dt.25.4.2025 – Orders – Issued.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (C.S.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 31 Dated: 19-05-2025

Read the following:

1. Consumer Protection act, 2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.16, CAF&CS (CS-II) Department, dt.19.10.2020.
3. G.O.Ms.No.17, CAF&CS (CS-II) Department, Dt.19.10.2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No.8, CAF&CS (CS-II) Department, dt.3.2.2022.
5. Order of Hon'ble High Court of A.P in W.P.No.25348 of 2022,dt.15.11.2024.
6. Order of Hon'ble Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of A.P in W.A.No.945/2024 Dt.25.4.2025.

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In the reference 4th read above, the Government have issued orders, appointing Smt.T.Suneetha as President, District Consumer Commission, Guntur w.e.f 03.02.2022 for a term of four (4 years) or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier as per Rule 10 of Consumer Protection Rules, 2020. Accordingly Smt.T.Suneetha assumed charge of the said post on 04.02.2022 F.N.

2. In the reference 5th read above, Sri Dr.Vajrala V.L.Narasimha Rao filed a Writ Petition No. 25348 of 2022 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P questioning the G.O. 4th read above as illegal, arbitrary contrary to Rule 6 (1) of Consumer Protection qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment....) Rules, 2020 and sought for a direction to set aside the above said G.O Rt.No.8, dated:03.02.2022. The Hon'ble High Court of A.P while disposing of W.P No.25348 of 2022 vide orders dated:15.11.2024, set aside G.O.Rt.No.8, dated:03.02.2022 (reference 4th read above) to the extent of Smt.T.Suneetha, President, District Commission, Guntur and granted two months time to the Government to comply with the directions.

3. In the reference 6th read above, questioning the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No.25348 of 2022 dated:15.11.2022, Smt.T.Suneetha, President, District Consumer Commission, Guntur filed Writ Appeal No.945 of 2024 before the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. and the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High court of A.P vide orders, dated:25.04.2025 while disposing of the Writ Appeal No.945 of 2024 upheld the conclusion arrived at by the learned Single Judge in setting aside G.O.Rt.No.8, CAF&CS (CS-II) Department, dated:03.02.2022 to the extent of Smt.T.Suneetha, President, District Commission, Guntur and granted two months time to the Government to comply with the directions.

4. After careful examination of the matter, and in accordance with the orders passed by the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in Writ Appeal No. 945 of 2024, the Government hereby sets aside the orders issued vide G.O.Rt.No.8, CAF&CS (CS-II) Department, dated 03.02.2022. Smt. T. Suneetha, President, District Consumer Commission, Guntur, is accordingly directed to demit the office of President, District Consumer Commission, Guntur.

5. The Registrar (FAC), A.P. State Commission, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SAURABH GAUR
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual through the Registrar, APSCDRC, Vijayawada.
The Registrar, A.P State Consumer Commission, Vijayawada.
The President, District Commission, Guntur.
The OSD to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
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The PS to E.O. Secretary to Government, CA, F & CS Department.
The District Treasury Officer, Tirupathi.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER